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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

18th ANNUAL "MARYLAND'S MOST BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE" VOLUNTEER AWARDS CEREMONY SET FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2004

Baltimore, MD (August 25, 2004) – Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Lt. Governor Michael S. Steele and other state and local officials will pay tribute to volunteers from Maryland's 23 counties and Baltimore City at the Eighteenth Annual "Maryland's Most Beautiful People" Volunteer Awards Ceremony. The event will take place on Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Francis Scott Key Auditorium, St. John's College in Annapolis. Chosen by panels of local judges, the winners represent all volunteers from their respective areas. For further information and to obtain free tickets, contact the *Maryland You are Beautiful* Program (410) 347-2270. Also visit our website at www.dnr.state.md.us/myab.

Free and open to the public, the "Maryland's Most Beautiful People" Volunteer Awards Ceremony will feature the Reverend Sharon Smith as Mistress of Ceremonies. Tiffany Jenkins, Miss Maryland 2004, will assist in presenting the awards. Each winner will receive an official, Maryland gift and a specially designed certificate of appreciation. In addition, the Morgan State University Bands and the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Choir of Greenbelt, Maryland will provide the evening's music.

Floraine B. Applefeld, Director of the *Maryland You are Beautiful* Program and producer of the awards ceremony, commented, "Honoring Maryland's outstanding volunteers is made possible by the support of many private contributors. We thank them for their vision and support." Generous sponsors who helped support the event include Martin's Catering and Martin Resnick, Linganore Wine Cellars, the Maryland State Arts Council, Michael Anthony Design Center, the McAndrew Company, Professional Interpreter Exchange, Inc., St. John's College, Bank of America, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, the Girls Scouts of Central Maryland, Morgan State University and the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Choir of Greenbelt, Maryland.

2003 "Maryland's Most Beautiful People" Volunteer Awards

GRAND WINNERS

Allegany County Loretta Siebel

Anne Arundel County (TBA)*
Baltimore City (TBA)*

Baltimore County Selma Saunders
Calvert County Alice Caroline Hall

Caroline County (TBA)*

Carroll County George Woodward

Cecil County Dale Collins
Charles County Gordon Brown
Dorchester County Sara Burtman

Frederick County (TBA)*

Garrett County Rev. Charles Teets
Harford County Robert Melville

Howard County Herbert Michael, Sr.
Kent County Thelma O'Grady
Montgomery County Rose Glaser

Prince George's County Jorge A. Bustamante

Queen Anne's County Janet Lee Akers

St. Mary's County

Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department

Somerset County C. Eugene "Squeak" Mills

Talbot County Dorothy Johns

Washington County (TBA)*

Wicomico County Shirley Baily
Worcester County Anna Foultz

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^{*}To be announced